

# News from GCC's Library & Learning Commons

EXPLORE, INQUIRE, DISCOVER AND LEARN



## Welcome, Todd

Please join us in welcoming Todd Hampton, our new Information Literacy Librarian. Todd comes to Gateway after eight years as a Librarian at Norwalk Community College. He holds a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science, from Southern Connecticut State University and a Bachelor's of Science in Business from Eastern Connecticut State University. He will participate in a variety of library activities that include Information Literacy, Reference and Collection Development.



We are thrilled to welcome Todd to the GCC Library and Learning Commons and to the GCC Community!

### New Fall Semester Library Hours

**Monday-Thursday: 8 am-8 pm**

**Friday: 8 am-5 pm**

**Saturday: 8 am-12 pm**



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## At the GCC Library this Semester

### Off-campus access

The procedure for accessing any of the library's 70 plus research databases and over 100,000 ebooks has been modified to a more seamless process. Students, faculty and staff can now access the databases directly from the library homepage, whether on or off campus. From the homepage, simply click on "Articles/Databases" under Find and select the database you want to search. You will then be prompted to log into myCommnet. Once you've logged in, you will be in the database you selected and can begin your search. So whether you're looking for an electronic journal article, an ebook to read, or a short educational video to watch – the library has it all at your fingertips.

ICONN, the State of Connecticut Digital Library, is available to all Connecticut residents through their public library and to students through their college or university. ICONN recently changed aggregators and is now providing over 20 database subscriptions primarily from EBSCO. What this means for us, is that some ICONN databases will no longer be available. The good news is we're getting other databases to replace them, and more. Whether using an ICONN database or one the library subscribes to, you have free access to thousands of full-text scholarly and other sources. To see our new line-up of databases, go to the library's homepage, [Gatewayct.edu/Library](http://Gatewayct.edu/Library), and click on Articles/databases.

### Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame: "We Fight for Roses" Exhibit

The library will be hosting a traveling exhibit from the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, entitled "We Fight for Roses." "The Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame is an "educational outreach organization whose mission is to honor publicly the achievement of Connecticut women, preserve their stories, educate the public and inspire the continued achievements of women and girls." The library will feature a portion of the exhibit which will be on display, Monday, November 11-Tuesday, November 26. The exhibit will include information regarding the inductees stories as well as women's quest for Health Reform. Please come and check out this wonderful exhibit! To obtain more information regarding the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame and/or the "We Fight for Roses" Exhibit please visit [www.cwhf.org](http://www.cwhf.org).



## Health Care Reform, What You Need to Know, Now!



The library is hosting a Health Care Reform Seminar that will focus on the major changes to health care that are currently taking place. Topics discussed include the time line of health care changes, insurance costs and/or penalties, what consumers can do if they have preexisting coverage, plus questions and answers.

Come get the facts on health care and learn how this important issue may affect you and your family. The seminar is free and open to the public; all are welcome to attend!

**Location:**

S217, Library Multipurpose Room

**Date/Time:**

Tuesday, October 16, 2-3PM

**Presenter:**

Randi Oster

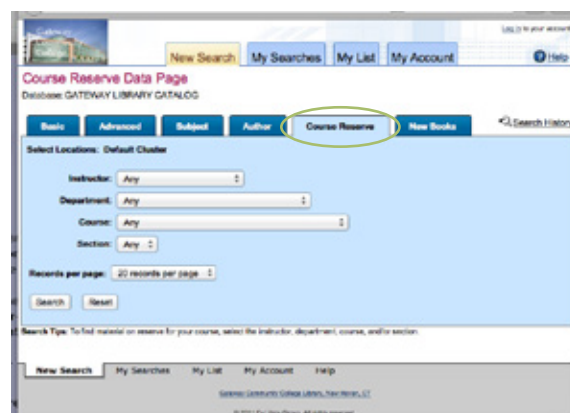
([www.randiredmondoster.com](http://www.randiredmondoster.com))

## GCC Library Lends DVDs

The GCC Library now loans up to four DVDs or videos at a time to students, faculty, and staff for one week, with one additional one-week renewal possible. Over 250 feature films and documentaries have been added to the collection, with titles spanning the history of cinema in a variety of genres. For a list of films available, visit the library home page, click "Books and More," and search for "feature films" under Subject. Your Gateway ID is your library card to borrow videos or DVDs at the service desk, or at the library self-check stations.

## Textbooks, Calculators and Laptops

The library has textbooks for many GCC courses on reserve for use in the library. To see if the textbook for your course is available, visit the library home page, and click "Books and More." Click the "Course Reserve" tab and select your course information from the drop-down menus, or ask for help at the service desk.



The library also offers laptops for use within the library and approximately 100 TI-84 graphing calculators available for semester loan. Your Gateway ID is your library card to borrow all these items. Faculty: if you have a textbook or other reading material you would like to add to the library's reserve collection, please contact Bill Maisfehl by email or extension 5-2054.

## New Books LibGuide

Check out the Library's new books Libguide! The "New Titles at Gateway Library" Libguide will feature two components. The first is New Titles Selected by Librarians which consists of recently added selected titles on a variety of topics; these entries include book information and cover art, the items call number as well as a brief description. When the title of a particular book is selected a catalog entry will be displayed which includes the current availability of the title.

The second component is the New Titles by Subject; this component contains a hyperlinked list of subjects. When a subject is selected a list of new titles from that subject area will be displayed directly from the library catalog.

To view this go to <http://gwcc.libguides.com/newtitles>.



Tuesday Evenings

6:30-8:00 pm

Room S217

Library  
Multipurpose  
Room

## Fall Library Scholar Led Readings and Book Discussions

Please join GCC Library & Learning Commons for five scholar-led readings and discussions sponsored in collaboration with Yale University PIER program. The first 25 people willing to commit to reading the books and attending all five sessions are eligible to receive a free copy of each book prior to the group discussion. Copies are available for pick up in the library.



### September 24, 2013—Session 1:

*The Arabian Nights* (anonymous), edited by Muhsin Mahdi, translated by Husain Haddawy

### October 29, 2013—Session 2:

*The Conference of the Birds* by Farid al-Din Attar, translated by Dick Davis & Afkham Darbandi

### November 5, 2013—Session 3:

*Snow* by Orhan Pamuk, translated by Maureen Freely

### February 11, 2014—Session 4:

*Dreams of Trespass* by Fatima Mernissi

### April 15, 2014—Session 5:

*Minaret* by Leila Aboulela

*Presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.  
For more information, visit [briddingcultures.neh.gov/muslimjourneys](http://briddingcultures.neh.gov/muslimjourneys).*

## The Benefits of Using Library & ICONN Databases over Web Search Engines

- High quality articles licensed from reputable publisher
- More than 10,000 full text journals, magazines and newspapers, and over 200 million articles not available on the open Web
- Limit search results to professional, peer-reviewed and scholarly literature
- Narrow search results by subject, publication, date, publication title, type of document and more
- No ads, no viruses, no access fees and no one tracking what you search Search results are not filtered by past searches or geographic location View, save, print and email citations in approved formats for chosen articles Export citations in approved formats to citation management systems

## BOOK REVIEW

*This review comes to you from Jean Incampo,  
Gateway CC English Adjunct Lecturer:*

Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor, has written an autobiography, *My Beloved World*, that is being read at thousands of colleges including SCSU as the Freshman Read 2013. Sotomayor's story holds many lessons about the value of a family's love and support, the importance of self-determination and independent decision making, and the challenges of upholding the ideals of equality and social justice not only in democratic societies but among all people throughout the world.

Sotomayor's extraordinary will and dedication enabled her to turn negatives into positives, even among her adversaries. As a youth she was quickly perceived as highly intelligent and sharp, although she always worked hard for what she achieved. Therefore, her book is not the typical success story. Once she knew what she wanted, she envisioned her long range goals in single steps and vowed to complete those steps one at a time. Continually honest and frank with others and true to herself, she maintained high standards and strong principles. Others recognized, admired and respected her strength and integrity. She earned confidence, respect and trust from her peers and opponents.

At the core of the story is the way Sotomayor expressed her love for her family: Mami Celine, Papi Julio, Julio Junior, Abuelita, Titi Aurora, and godmother Carmin. She was born in the Bronx in 1954 and attended Catholic schools. Her classmates, friends and teachers described her as very thoughtful, and she fondly recalls many of them in her book. On the back of a photo of herself at one year old, which she gave to her grandmother Abuelita, Sotomayor wrote, "For grandma, from your granddaughter who never forgets you, Sonya."

Graduating from Princeton University in 1976 and Yale Law School in 1979, Sotomayor began as a prosecuting attorney. As a novice lawyer she learned the gamut of a lawyer's job including the police officers' job of investigation. Here she learned to discern truth from facts that could be devastating. But she soon realized her true calling as a judge because, as she stated, she could make a change in society. So far, as Supreme Court Justice, her decisions prove that both individual human rights and community rights are her top priorities. She attempts to see multiple sides of issues and people; she resists binary thinking. Essentially she is an acute interpreter and a critical thinker, and she fulfills her responsibilities for peace and justice in both her professional and personal life.

*My Beloved World* is not a narrative told by a superwoman, for Sonya Sotomayor is completely open about her weakness and failure. Growing up with diabetes and struggling with romantic relationships, she reveals her limitations and disappointments. She acknowledges that she has much to learn still and welcomes challenges. Since her high school graduation she idealistically continues to emulate the quotation she chose by Norman Thomas, placed under her picture: "I am not the champion of lost causes, but of causes not yet won."

This book is available in the library in the Recent Biographies Collection.





## Recommended Apps for Students

**Evernote:** Takes notes, captures photos, create to-do lists, etc.

**GoodReader:** Super robust PDF reader for Ipad

**InClass:** Organize your schedule, courses and semesters

**myHomework:** Keeps track of homework and projects featuring a cool design

**Note Everything:** A note (notepad) application where you can create text-notes, voice-notes and paint notes for Android

**Pages:** Best word processor ever designed for a mobile device

**PDF Notes:** Managing PDF files from your iPad

**SpellChecker:** Multilingual SpellCheck as you type with Grammar errors high-lighted



### Featured database: Job Now

**Job Now** is a library database that features a unique suite of resources for job seekers that includes live interview coaching, resume lab, career resources and test preparation.

Access Job Now on the Library's homepage by clicking on "Articles/Databases" under Find and selecting Job Now.

## Online Library Calendar: *Gatewayct.edu/Library/Library-Home*

<b>Library Featured Events</b>	<a href="http://gwcc.libguides.com/libraryevents">http://gwcc.libguides.com/libraryevents</a>
<b>Online Reservation Booking for Group Study Room</b>	<a href="http://gwcc.libcal.com">http://gwcc.libcal.com</a>
<b>Student Research Scheduling</b>	<a href="http://gwcc.libcal.com">http://gwcc.libcal.com</a>
<b>Faculty Library Instruction Request Online</b>	<a href="http://gwcc.libguides.com/content.php?pid=121344&amp;sid=3001846">http://gwcc.libguides.com/content.php?pid=121344&amp;sid=3001846</a>
<b>Ask-a-Librarian &amp; Live Chat</b>	<a href="http://gwcc.libanswers.com">http://gwcc.libanswers.com</a>
<b>Library Subject/Course Guides</b>	<a href="http://gwcc.libguides.com/index.php">http://gwcc.libguides.com/index.php</a>
<b>Films on Demand for Faculty</b>	<a href="http://gwcc.libguides.com/content.php?pid=205598&amp;sid=1715648">http://gwcc.libguides.com/content.php?pid=205598&amp;sid=1715648</a>
<b>New Titles in Library Collection</b>	<a href="http://gwcc.libguides.com/newtitles">http://gwcc.libguides.com/newtitles</a>

## Library Staff Professional Development

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***The library newsletter is now available online!***



Go to the library's homepage and click on the "Library News" link to view all previous editions.

Jianxin Yang , Martha Lipowski and Clara Ogbaa attended the ACRL, New England Chapter Annual Conference: "Communities in the Cloud, the Commons and the College," at the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., May 10, 2013.

Martha Lipowski , Shauna DeStefano, Jianxin Yang and Clara Ogbaa attended the "Enlightened Hunters and Gatherers: Teaching Information Literacy Skills for Life" on June 7, 2013 at Capital Community College.

Clara Ogbaa attended the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Chicago and participated in the national orientation workshop for "Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys," a scholar led reading and discussion program.

Shauna DeStefano attended a CLC Roundtable meeting which focused on "How to Fail at Social Media (and How to Get It Right)" at Henry Carter Hull Public Library in Clinton on July 15, 2013.



*Library staff members welcome our new and returning students, faculty and staff to the new academic year.*